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NEWS RELEASE

Halloween Safety Tips

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EL PASO, Texas — The El Paso Police Department would like to wish our community and happy and safe Halloween. To ensure our community's safety, we would like to remind everyone about some important things to keep in mind. On Sunday, October 31, 2021, many young children will be in and around our roadways. Some of the risk factors to children during Halloween are the combination of dark costumes, dark streets, and motorists.

The following tips can help ensure a safe and enjoyable Halloween for everyone.

- Parents should accompany their children at all times. Do not leave your children unattended or unsupervised, especially younger children.
- Wear costumes that are visible in the dark. Use reflective material or tape in darker costumes to ensure visibility.
- Carry some form of light preferably a flashlight.
- Check your children's candy. Watch out for candy that appears to have been tampered with, and be careful with any homemade or unpacked treats.
- Watch for traffic. Do not let your children run in and out of the street, keep them on the sidewalks.
- If you are driving, watch out for children darting onto traffic. Slow down, especially in residential areas. Drive with extreme caution as some costumes may be hard to see.
- Respect those who do not wish to participate in Halloween. If the porch light is off or there are no Halloween decorations, chances are they are not giving out candy.
- Only visit homes you know. Have children stay within the neighborhood.



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In addition, there are many community programs and businesses that have various Halloween activities for children and families, which can be a safer alternative to traditional trick or treating.

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